

The Parish of the Durham Martyrs
*Incorporating the Churches of Our Lady of Mercy
& St. Godric, St. Joseph and St. Bede*

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Sunday, 28th May 2023 – Pentecost Sunday Parish Newsletter

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The Parish Novena in preparation for Pentecost ends with a Holy Hour and Benediction this Sunday at 3.00pm. The Novena was a great success. Short but powerful in the stream of witnesses to the Holy Spirit in the lives of our presenters. Can I thank each one of you for such powerful testimonies.

We received the sad news of Phil Sanderson's death this week. Phil was a regular reader at our 11.00am Mass on Sundays. He was always a kind and generous presence at so many parish activities over the years. Life for Phil was never the same since his wife Diana passed away. They are now united again in a peace that Phil richly deserves.

A word of thanks to Margaret Wallace, who is stepping down from her role of steering us through a safe return to normality after Covid. Margaret has given more than required to ensuring our personal safety with proper stewardship at the entrance to our Masses. Margaret will continue her role with the Bereavement Group.

Thanks, Margaret, for your enormous commitment to our wellbeing, and also to your work on the parish council.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
Replace the **tension** within us with a holy **relaxation**.
Replace the **turbulence** within us with a sacred **calm**.
Replace the **anxiety** within us with a quiet **confidence**.
Replace the **fear** within us with strong **faith**.
Replace the **bitterness** within us with the sweetness of **grace**.
Replace the **darkness** within us with a gentle **light**.
Replace the **coldness** within us with a loving **warmth**.
Replace the **night** within us with Your **day**.
Replace the **winter** within us with Your **spring**.

Straighten our crookedness.
Fill our emptiness.
Dull the edge of our pride.
Sharpen the edge of our humility.
Light the fires of our love.
Quench the flames of our lust.

Let us see ourselves as You see us.
That we may see You as you have promised us.
And be healed through your Word.
Amen.

Feast Days

Monday, 29 th May	Mary, Mother of the Church
Wednesday, 31 st May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, 1 st June	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
Friday, 2 nd June	Ss. Marcellinus and Peter MM
Saturday, 3 rd June	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions MM

Prayers – please keep in your prayers:



Meg Dixon	Bernard and Yvonne Reid
Joe Watson	Jared Howarth
Sheila Owen	Francesca Camilerni
Mark Farrell	Nicola Dawson
Tony Collinson	Ken Herbert

Anniversaries:

Vera Hannigan	Ronald Glaister
Marie Bradley	Kristiani Henranati
Simon Bewley	



Sympathy – we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Phil Sanderson, who sadly passed away this week. Funeral arrangements are not known at the moment. *Requiescat in pace.*

Forthcoming Funeral

The Funeral Service of the late Mary Margaret Hollingsworth will take place at St. Joseph's on Wednesday 7th June at 11.15am followed by cremation at 12.00pm.

Baptism - we welcome into our parish community Leo Steven Jones, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism after the 9.00am Mass at St. Godric's, this Sunday, 28th May.



Retiring Collection

This weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Lay Training Fund. This is the fund which supports adult education and formation, equipping lay people to live out their vocation and mission, witness to the faith and take a full part in the life of the Church.

Eucharistic Services

There will be no morning service in St. Bede's during half term. Eucharistic Services resume on Monday 5th June.

Sunday, 28th May (Pentecost Sunday) – Solemn Holy Hour at 3.00pm in St. Godric's, followed by Benediction.



**Thursday, 15th June at 2.00pm – St. Joseph's
SVP Summer Party for the elderly of the parish.**

Could anyone wishing to go to the party please put their name on the list at the back of church, indicating if transport to the venue is required.

International Lunch - 11th June after the 11.00am Mass

Let's get together and have fun!

Bring some food to share and be ready to have a good time.

All are welcome. See poster at the back of each church.



40th Anniversary Celebration

On 12th June it will be the 40th anniversary of our Fr. Colm's ordination. We wish him congratulations and heartfelt thankyou for his generous service as a priest both to our church and our parish.

To celebrate, there will be a simple parish social evening following the 5pm Mass on **Saturday 24th June** in St. Joseph's school hall. There will be drinks, wine and cheese and cakes. If you would like to bring a bottle, crisps or a cake to share please do (though no cream cakes please).

Any queries or volunteers to help, please contact Maria 07941 699388

Summer Baptism Programme

We are pleased to announce that the Summer Parish Baptism Programme has been arranged for **Monday, 10th July**, from 6.00-9.00pm in the Jubilee Room at St. Joseph's.

If you are hoping to have your child/children Baptised in the parish and haven't attended one of our programmes before, please contact Marjorie, the Parish Secretary, and she will send you a Registration Form.

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following roles: **Department for Safeguarding**, Newcastle – Senior Administrator and Administrator – both roles are permanent and full-time.

Vicariate for Faith and Mission, Newcastle – Administrator (maternity cover) full or part-time. The closing date for applications is 5 June. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Reminders from the Health & Safety/Buildings Committee

PARISHIONERS WORKING IN CHURCH ALONE

A directive from The Diocesan Health and Safety department states that any Parishioners undertaking Parish duties, and who are working in St. Joseph's or St. Godric's, or any other parish premises on their own, should have a contact strategy in place.

This should include having a contact person to notify when going into the premises, informing them, how long they are going to be and informing them when they leave. The contact person should be available to check all is ok. If you do not inform them in the time specified that you are leaving, the Contact person may then feel it is appropriate to contact a member of the Buildings Committee whose details are on the notice board at the rear of both churches.

Medical Emergency/Nearest Defibrillator Location

If you come across someone who is unconscious and not breathing normally, the advice from the North East Ambulance Service is that you must first call 999 to arrange for help. If required, as well as guiding you through CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) the call operator will be able to advise you if there is a defibrillator located close by. They will ask you to stay with the casualty to continue CPR and ask someone else to go and fetch the defibrillator. They will give you a Code to unlock the box, housing the defibrillator.

A Safety Sign Indicating the nearest Automatic Defibrillator (AED) Location is now situated on the notice board at the rear of St Godric's and St Joseph's churches.

The location closest to St Godric's is inside Tesco Express in North Road and at St Joseph's is on the eternal wall outside the main entrance to the Working Mens club in Mill Lane, across the road from the Church.

From the Diocese

St. Mary's Church, Hexham is organising a Corpus Christi Service on Sunday 11th June at 3pm. Parishioners from across the diocese are welcome to attend with refreshments being served afterwards.

The Service will also be lived-streamed should people wish to join us. The website is www.stmaryshexham.org.uk See poster at the back of each church.

NOTE FROM THE PERU MISSION

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The Peru Mission is hosting a Cheese & Wine Afternoon (tea, coffee and soft drinks available) at the home of Canon Pastor Michael and his wife, Ruth Everitt at 15. The College, Durham DH1 3EQ, on Saturday 24th June from 12 midday to 5pm.

There will be a video-film presentation on the work of The Peru Mission amongst the disadvantaged poor in Peru during the afternoon.

All are welcome.

News from CAFOD

Holy Island

Please join us on our annual Pilgrimage to Holy Island, set to take place on Saturday 8th July in partnership with the Archbishop Romero Trust.

Everyone (individual or coach) is welcome to join us as we cross the sands and come together to celebrate Mass in such a beautiful and iconic place within our Diocese. For more information please contact Carol Cross on 07779 804 253.

See poster at the back of each church containing details of the day's programme.

Forthcoming Events - Centre for Catholic Studies

Online ISHWRA Seminar Wednesday 14th June - 3.00pm GMT, online Dr Pablo Acosta-García (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) 'Genealogies: Tracing the Genealogy of the Visionary Sermon in Women's Religious Houses'.

All are welcome! Please register via <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>
Upon registration the Zoom link will be sent to you,

CCS Thanksgiving Mass Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 6pm

St Cuthbert's Church, Old Elvet, Durham, DH1 3HL

Preacher and Presider: Rt Rev Dom Geoffrey Scott OSB All are welcome — booking is not necessary for this event.

Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture Wednesday 21st June, 7pm

In-person at Elvet Riverside, Lecture Theatre ER201 and the event will also be available live-streamed (link to follow).

His Eminence Cardinal Mario Grech (Secretary General of the Office of the Synod of Bishops) 'Common Obedience to the Spirit of Christ: Synodality, Collegiality, and Apostolicity', and Sister Nathalie Becquart XMCJ (Undersecretary of the Office of the Synod of Bishops) 'Why Ecumenism and Synodality Go Hand-in-Hand'.

Tickets @ £3 each will be available soon at:

<https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> Please contact ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk or call 0191 334 1656 for details about concessions.

Mass Intentions for the Week



28th May 2023

	St Godric's	St Joseph's
Saturday 27 May	NO MASS	10.00am Celebration of Life Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass Lily Parry
Sunday 28 May	9.00am Colin Wild 3.00pm – Solemn Holy Hour followed by Benediction	11.00am Jack Wressell Anniversary
Monday 29 May	NO MASS	9.15am Service of Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 30 May	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Colin and Estelle Wild	NO MASS
Wednesday 31 May	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Emily Gibbon
Thursday 1 June	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am Margaret Taylor	NO MASS
Friday 2 June	NO MASS	9.30am – Exposition 10.00am John McMahon
Saturday 3 June	NO MASS	5.00pm Vigil Mass Lily Parry
Sunday 4 June	9.00am Brian O'Connor	11.00am Christopher and Veronica Kelly

St. Cuthbert's

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 31	Thurs 01 June	Fri 2	Sat 3	Sun 4
10.00am and 6.30pm	NO MASS	12.15pm	7.00pm	12.15pm	9.15am	2.30pm Nuptial Mass	10.00am and 6.30pm